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OPENING THE SURPRISE TREASURE BOX?!

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RUCKUS...?

WAAAHH!!

SFX: THUD/SLAM/STOMP STOMP/THUMP/BAM/STOMP STOMP

I THOUGHT HE WANTED TO GET ALONG WITH THE OTHERS, SO I CALLED HIM HERE, BUT...

YUKARI-SAN, IT'S JUST... THIS...

run run run run

AH! HEY, WAIT A SECOND!!

A-ARE YOU OKAY, AOI?!

I... I'M FI...NE...

SMACK

WHOO

SH

!?

YES!

NOW!!!

WHO'D LISTEN TO ANY-THING YOU ALL SAY...

YOU LITTLE BRAT, HOW DARE YOU GO ON A RAMPAGE ALL OVER MY HOUSE...

GRAB

ISE !!

I'LL CURSE YOU!

This time, the pipe fox brothers have come from the Hidaka family to live with us,

and they have all completely gotten used to living here, except for the eldest brother...

WELL, THEN, CAN I CALL YOU KON-CHAN?

I'LL CURSE YOU!!

LIKE I'D TELL YOU!!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SUCH A CUTE LITTLE FOX.

THAT'S SO SCAAARY...

SFX: SQUIRM

AOI'S NOT GONNA DO THAT.

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE SAFE HERE.

I'LL CURSE YOU!!

THESE JERKS'LL MAKE ME A SHIKIGAMI AND USE ME LIKE THEM.

IF THEY HEAR MY NAME,

I'M NOT GONNA GET TRICKED INTO BELIEVING THAT CRAP FROM YOU!!!

EH...

gasp

BUT NOW THAT YOU SAY IT, I GET THE FEELING I'VE HEARD THAT LINE BEFORE.

Why.

...LIKE I WAS SAYING...

AND THEN I'LL LOOK DOWN UPON YOU IN TRIUMPH!!

SPLITTING

I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO EAT THAT TASTY-LOOKING HUMAN OVER THERE AND BECOME A GREAT YOUKAI,

I HAVEN'T TRICKED YOU INTO ANY-THING...

YOU ARE, WITH THIS FRIVOLOUS WAY OF LIFE!!

YOU TOO CAN BECOME STRONG IF YOU EAT A STRONG YOUKAI!!

It can't be... that horrible youkai instigated this little guy into such a rebellious state?!

PAAA

*TL NOTE THE WORD HE USES FOR GOOD' IS 'ROKU' WHICH SOUNDS LIKE THE WORD FOR 6 IN JAPANESE IN OTHER WORDS, A REALLY BAD PUN

KASHA ...?!

!

I...I KNEW KON-CHAN...

shakes

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FREE TIME TO TAKE CARE OF LITTLE FOXES.

THUD

THUD

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ABOUT HIM NOT BEING A SIX OR SEVEN?*

THEN WHAT SHOULD WE...

HERE, THEN, AOI. I'LL GIVE YOU A PRESENT.

...!?

A BOX...?!

WHO'D WANT PRESENTS FROM YOU... TAKE IT BACK!

IT ANNOYED ME THAT IT WOULDN'T OPEN, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS PERFECT FOR YOU.

WE SHOULD SEAL IT UP TIGHTLY IN A STORE-HOUSE.

THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW IF THAT THING HE HID HERE IS NORMAL.

IN ANY CASE,

I SEE.

KASHA ...!!

PRETTY STIFF, ISN'T IT... HUHUHU.

SFX SWING SWING SWING

WA--! ISE--!!

IT DOESN'T MAKE A SOUND.

HE SAID IT "WOULDN'T OPEN..." DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE, I WONDER?

stare

LET'S TRY IT.

*TL NOTE THE STORY OF URASHIMA TARO

Why is it that I'm the image for this?

YOU OPEN IT, AND IN A PUFF OF SMOKE, YOU BECOME AN ELDERLY PERSON.*

PERHAPS IT IS A BOX, SUCH LIKE THAT ONE FOLKTALE...

CAPTURED!!!

A TAMATE-BAKO, HUH?

TL NOTE: URASHIMA TARO'S TREASURE BOX

AT ANY RATE, WE SHOULD SEAL...

SFX: TWITCH/TAP TAP TAP

WH...?!

STOP, THAT'S...

I HEARD YOU! I HEARD YOU!! THAT AMAZING YOUKAI, KASHA, HID SOMETHING IN THIS BOX!!

IF I OPEN IT, I SHOULD BECOME AN AMAZING OLD FOX!!!

EH...?!

Nice Guy act??

NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL BE SURE TO TEAR THROUGH THAT NICE GUY ACT YOU PUT ON!

HEEEEYYY, COME ON OUT!

DASH

REMEM-BER IT!

THAT BOX IS DANGEROUS. WE NEED TO CATCH HIM!

IT TOTALLY SOUNDS LIKE THE HOWL OF A LOSER FOX, DOESN'T IT...

EVEN IF HE RUNS, IT'S USELESS.

ISE, ISN'T THAT A LITTLE FRIGHTENING?

HE'S STILL IN THE HOUSE, RIGHT?

I'LL TRY OUT-SIDE

COME OOO-OUuuuu UTTTT!

GET OUT HERE.

bam

bam

HEEEEYYY

KON-CHAN, ARE YOU IN HERE~~?

eeek

grr

chomp

chomp

WHAT KIND OF BOX IS THIS? IT DOESN'T EVEN SEEM LIKE IT'S STARTING TO OPEN...

TREMBLE

AH!

AT TIMES LIKE THESE, THEY'D TEND TO GET SCARED AND NEVER HIDE TOO FAR

...HEY, COME ON OUT.

CROUCH

WHEN I WAS IN THE ORPHANAGE, I USED TO PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH THE LITTLE KIDS ALL THE TIME, BUT

AH.

IT'S NOT KON-CHAN //

KON-CHAN?

WHY DID YOU SAY THAT AOI WAS FOOLING YOU,

WE CAN KEEP OUR CHAT A SECRET FROM AOI.

SFX GLARE

WHO ARE YOU TO CALL...

THEN WILL YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME, KON-CHAN?

smile

IT'S TAMAMO.

!

I'M HIMARI, MOMOCHI HIMARI.

NICE TO MEET YOU, TAMAMO!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, I'M NOT HERE TO EXCHANGE NAMES...

AND ALL THAT, BUT...

WHAT A CUTE NAME!

"TAMAMO"!!

mumble

mumble

EH.

AH!

YOU CAN'T JUST USE IT...

EEEHHH,

rustle

BUT HIMARI IS SUCH A COOL NAME!

rustle

WHAT

rustle

SURPRISE

BUT THAT AOI GUY IS SUCH A FAKER,

I HATE HIM!!

rustle

EVERYONE HERE IN THIS HOUSE HAS BEEN SO NICE TO ME, I DON'T HATE THEM, BUT...

WHAT

WHAT IS THIS?

A blue light?

blush

TH... THAT IS...

WHY DO YOU HATE AOI...?

WH. WHAT IS THIS, WHY AM I SAYING ALL THIS?

DAS

H

AHH !!

drop

I JUST HATE WHAT I HATE!!!

...I SEE.

TAMAMO ...?

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DECEIVE HIM, BUT...

THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE.

HMM, WHAT, HIMARI?

...AOI.

AOI...!

FOR SOME REASON, HE REALLY SEEMS TO HATE ME, HUH...

SORRY, I HEARD EVERY-THING.

IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LET HIM FORGET ALL ABOUT YOU?

ABOUT YOU AND HAYATO-KUN...

HUH...?

What am I saying just now...

gap

WHAT

HUH ?!

Always...

WHY WOULD YOU ASK THAT?

.....

I'm always worrying, but...

I didn't mean to ask such a thing.

I didn't mean to say that.

AOI...

AH... THAT'S NOT... NO...!

HM...

THAT'S BECAUSE I LIKE YOU...

What...!

WELL,

THAT IS...
UH... MM
TREMBLE
.....
What... am I saying...!?
AH... I SEE.
FUSTERED

IT'S THIS BOX.

QC/N OHAGI = A TYPE OF JAPANESE SWEETS SIMILAR TO MOCHI

Whoa, what am I saying...?

I want ohagi for today's snack.

plop

SEEMS TO HAVE THE SPIRITUAL ABILITY TO MAKE SOMEONE SPEAK WHATEVER IS "HIDDEN IN THEIR HEARTS."

SEE, SOMEHOW, THIS BOX

LET ME SEE IT FOR A SECOND.

.....EH?!

HEY!

I wanted to pretend to be human just a little more.

hop

plop

hop

plop

POP

plop

hop

Today, actually... it seems our disguises are failing.

THE BOX ISN'T EVIL,

BUT THIS IS THE TRUE NATURE OF THE BLUE LIGHTS THAT COME OUT FROM INSIDE THIS BOX.

AH

NO, UM, THAT WAS...

THAT'S RIGHT, A MOMENT AGO...

BLUSH

I SAID SO MUCH...

...!

AND THAT'S WHY TAMAMO SUDDENLY GAVE OUT HIS NAME...!

LI-

...I SEE, A FAMILY, RIGHT... I GET IT.

I'M JUST WORRYING OVER ALL OF YOU!!

LIVING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY IS WHAT...

I...
THAT
BOX...

.....

IT'LL
SERVE AS
PROOF OF
IT.

USING THAT
BOX, YOU
CAN EXPLAIN
TO TAMAMO
HOW YOU'RE
NOT FOOLING
HIM.

AH...
WELL
THEN,

FOOT-
STEPS

I'LL
CALL
YUKARI
AND ISE.

RIGHT,
SINCE IT'S
DECIDED,
I'LL GET
THINGS
READY!

YEAH.

RIGHT.

...THAT'S RIGHT...

AS A FAMILY MEANS...

...

YEAH ...

...I'M GLAD, REALLY.

AH...

To come upon that trap box in such a place!!!

Lo

SFX GLOOMY ATMOSPHERE

That's a pretty suspicious label...

What's inside will make you strong

SFX FWUMP

Lo

pounce

sniff

BUT SOMETHING SMELLS NICE...

tap

AAA...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I DROPPED THE BOX...

tap

I WANNA CURSE SOMETHING...

gasp

WAH... MY LITTLE BROTH-ERS...

WHERE ARE WE GOING?!

Brother, brother, let's go.

To our welcome feast!!!

UH...

YOU'RE HERE, YOU'RE HERE, TAMAMO! COME ON.

UH

HHHHHH

THEN THAT MEANS THAT AOI GUY IS AROUND, HUH...

NOBODY'S TRICKING YOU HERE,

SEE?

OPEN

YUKARI'S DELUXE MR FOX SUSHI ♪ IF YOU EAT THEM, YOU'LL GROW B G AND STRONG. YOU KNOW—

I'M NOT TELLING ANY LIES.

YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME AGAIN!

WHAT IS THIS, USING MY BROTHERS TO SEND ME THAT TRAP BOX.

Gate

AOI, TOO...

What...?

Nue

DO YOU SEE, LITTLE FOX? THERE IS NOTHING THAT I AM HIDING FROM YOU RIGHT NOW.

INSIDE THIS BOX ARE AYAKASHI FIREFLIES WHO EAT WHAT PEOPLE "KEEP HIDDEN."

I WANTED TO TELL YOU SOME THINGS FACE-TO-FACE.

fla

pping

WIND

THEY EAT THINGS THAT ARE KEPT HIDDEN?!

WILL YOU RUN AWAY, LITTLE FOX?

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S WHY I SAID MY NAME JUST A WHILE AGO.

I'M NOT... RUNNING ANY-WHERE!!

I AM THE OLDEST BROTHER OF THE PIPE FOXES, WHO WILL ONE DAY GROW UP TO BE A MYTHICAL NINE-TAILED FOX!

I...!

GASP

WHA...

IT IS INTOLERABLE TO SCOLD OTHERS WHILE HIDING ONE'S OWN SELF.

WELL, THEN, TELL ME, HOW IS IT THAT I HAVE DECEIVED YOU?

...HH

UUUH HH...

Nue?! Scaring him like that is just going to have the opposite effect.

Now

UUUH HH...

TH-THEY'RE EATING?!

WAAA HHH,

AS THE PROTECTOR OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED MOMOCHI HOUSE,

I CANNOT CONTINUE TO ALLOW THAT KIND OF SLANDER WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING SUCH HISTORY.

NOW! SAY IT.

HE WAS LIKE MOTHER...

UUUH, I CAN'T JUST SAY...

...WELL THEN...!!

SINCE I FIRST SAW NUE,

UH... I JUST THOUGHT THAT... HE'S SO PRETTY, THAT...

SFX CRIES

WH O O O O

S H

HUUUH?!!

THEN,

WHEN TAMAMO FIRST SAW NUE, HE THOUGHT HE WAS LIKE "MOTHER", BUT...

...I'LL CURSE YOU!!

WHICH ARE YOU GONNA DO: CRY, EAT, OR CURSE? PICK ONE...

SCARF

SCARF

THE TRUTH WAS THAT HE'S A BOY, SO YOU FELT DECEIVED! IS THAT WHAT YOU THOUGHT...?

AOI,

AND YOU FELT BAD WHEN YOU WERE CONFUSED, THINKING NUE WAS A TAILED FOX...

ISN'T THIS ALL PRETTY EASY TO UNDERSTAND WITHOUT INTERPRETING IT LIKE THAT?!

SOFT

BREEZE

!...

WHEN YOU APPEARED IN FRONT OF HIM AS NUE, IT WAS SURPRISING, BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING, RIGHT?

RUSTLE

THIS GUY...

I...

EH?

DIDN'T WANT THE BOX, RIGHT.

.....

I ALREADY TOLD YOU, IT'S WRONG TO LEAD OTHERS ASTRAY WITH USELESS THINGS!

KASHA!

AOI?

WHAT-EVER.

IT'S FINALLY EMPTY.

HO HO, I SEE THE BOX HAS ALREADY BEEN EMPTIED.

So that's what he meant when he said he couldn't open it.

Ah...

THERE'S NOTHING I KEEP HIDDEN, SO I GIVE MY THANKS.

THIS WILL BE A PLEA-SURABLE PILLOW.

SFX SNORE

OH, MY,

HE'S COMPLETELY OUT...

PI-

PILLOW?!

What a bother some fellow!

SINCE HIS MOTHER AND FATHER WERE GONE, HE BECAME ABUNDANTLY LONELY, YEARNING FOR THEM.

FROM THE START, THE PIPE FOXES SEPARATED SOMEHOW AND INCREASED.

NO,

HE'S BEEN SO BOISTEROUS, RAGING AND EATING, AND IN THE END, CHOOSES TO PASS OUT ON YUKARI'S LAP.

THE BRAT MAY HAVE BEEN WEANED, BUT HE'S STILL A PAIN.

I WAS NEVER THAT SPOILED.

AND JUST LIKE THIS, MEMORIES OF LITTLE AOI CAME TO MIND...

I GUESS ISE'S MOM IS A SCARY ONE.

ONLY MAKES ME WANT TO REMEMBER MY MOTHER...

MISSING SOMETHING LIKE THAT

UWAAAAAAA...

My mama and papa are both super attractive.

I have some very cute cousins.

...HIMARI.

AYAKASHI ALSO HAVE FAMILIES THAT DO AND DON'T STAY.

OHH~

To have gathered so many!

THEY'RE JUST LIKE HUMANS.

I, who now live in this Momochi family house I inherited from my parents...

HOW ABOUT THIS...

YOUR EDUCATION IN AYAKASHI HAS BEEN RELENTLESS, SO...

IN BECOMING A MASTER OF HOUSEWORK LIKE YUKARI,

SPEAKING OF WHICH,

NO.

A "WATER SNAKE'S"...

UM,

I BELIEVE I WAS BORN NORMALLY, FROM A BELLY.

WHEN I USED TO BE HUMAN...

AS A PUNISH-MENT,

I WAS "DEVOURED", AND BECAME AN AYAKASHI.

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end

We've reached four volumes
of Momochi-san.
For the Hidaka-kun episode,
from the very beginning,
when I said I wanted to write,
I was filled with emotion.
Watching the sunset always
reminds me of being a kid,
though there are many days
of seeing sunrises in life...

To Ayasuke xxx

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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?

WE'RE TRYING, BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES.

UH... SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF.

DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!

ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?

WELL, UH... YES, ACTUALLY.

MANGA

FIST SLAM

IT'S SUCH A PITY TOO. WE HAVE SO MANY LOVELY PROJECTS THAT ARE JUST DYING FOR STAFF.

Hug me

hold me

Love me♥

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... WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT.

STARE

... THIS GUY'S WEIRD. STILL, MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES.

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